(b) if so, whether the task force has submitted its recommendations, if so the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations of the Task Force and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Task Force in its first Report has made 108 recommendations aiming to accomplish (i) Infrastructure Drive (ii) Target of IT Exports of US $ 50 billion and (iii) IT for all by 2008.

The recommendations of the second report mainly relate to Soft-Bonded IT Unit, Fiscal and Financial Policies, Procedural Simplification, Export, Investment and RBI related issues, Banking issues, Company Law issues, Labour Law, Information Technology Units in DTA, Information Technology and Product Design and Development.

The third report has made recommendations on strategic policies for the IT industry, IT Research, Design and Development, IT Human Resource Development, Citizen-IT Interface, Content Creation and Content Industry, Micro Electronics, Mission mode creation of Fibre-optic infrastructure, Financing the IT sector and organizational structure.

(c) The Government of India has accepted the recommendations made by the Task Force in first report and many of the recommendations have already been implemented by respective Ministeries.

Total Export From Electronic and Computer Software

1590. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export from the electronics and computer software sector;

(b) what has been the total export revenue from these sectors; and

(c) whether Govt. envisage to make the country a super power in the field of software?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The software and electronics exports during the last 3 years is as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Electronics/	2587	3000	1800
Hardware	3700	6500	10940
Software	6287	9500	12740
Total			

(c) The Government of India has set up Ministry of Information Technology to facilitate all the initiatives in the IT Sector including implementation of comprehensive action plan to make India an IT superpower and achieve a target of US $ 50 billion in software exports by 2008. The following areas have been identified to achieve the software export target:—

1. Software productivity improvement
2. Quality of software development
3. Human resource development
4. Communication infrastructure
5. National Information infrastructure
6. E-commerce regulatory framework
7. Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment
8. Promotion of Venture Capital
9. Convertibility of capital account
10. Promotion of brand equity
11. Simplification of customs procedures
12. Electronics Governance
13. Generation of strong data bases
14. Increase PC penetration
15. Vibrant domestic IT services market
16. Strategy for business development
17. Creation of Indian IT services MNCs